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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN

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1. AT ALL-DAY SESSION ON JULY 19, ADB BOARD OF DIRECTORS (WITH MAJORITY SUPPORTING) APPROVED PROPOSALS (A) TO (E) IN PARA. 23 OF ADB DOC. R60-77 ON ABOVE SUBJECT WITH FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS: (A) RATE OF NORMAL RETIREMENT PENSION TO BE INCREASED FROM 2.0 TO 2.25 PERCENT OF HIGHEST AVERAGE NET REMUNERATION FOR EACH YEAR OF ELIGIBLE SERVICE INSTEAD OF PROPOSED INCREASE TO 2.5 PERCENT, AND (B) EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES WOULD BE JULY 1, 1977 INSTEAD OF PROPOSED RETROACTIVITY TO JANUARY 1, 1975. PENSIONS IN FORCE AS OF EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE RE-CALCULATED ON BASIS OF NEW RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA. 25(B) OF DOC. R60-77. BOARD ALSO INSTRUCTED MANAGEMENT TO ASK ACTUARY TO CONDUCT NEW VALUATION OF STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AS OF DECEMBER 31, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1976 ASAP, AFTER WHICH FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF PLAN WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY BOARD.

2. BOARD DECISION TO LIMIT NEW PENSION RATE TO 2.25
PERCENT PER YEAR OF ELIGIBLE SERVICE AT THIS TIME WAS
BASED ON DESIRE TO LEAVE LARGER SAFETY MARGIN PENDING
ACTUARY'S NEXT VALUATION AND TO CONSIDER WHETHER MORE

ATTENTION NEED BE GIVEN TO INFLATION FACTOR IN COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT RATHER THAN TO INCREASING BASIC PENSION RATE TO PROPOSED 2.5 PERCENT.

- 3. MOST DIRECTORS REPRESENTING DMCS WERE OPPOSED TO INCREASING RETIREMENT BENEFITS OR FAVORED POSTPONING ACTION UNTIL NEXT VALUATION BECOMES AVAILABLE, WHILE DIRECTORS REPRESENTING DONOR COUNTRIES GENRALLY SUPPORTED ABOVE PLAN IMPROVEMENTS AS NECESSARY FOR STAFF MORALE AND AS A REASONABLE DECISION AT THIS TIME.
- 4. AS REFTEL A ARRIVED ONLY ON MORNING OF BOARD MEETING, THERE WAS NO TIME FOR USADB TO DISCUSS WITH MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO MEETING PARA. 2 ON TRANSFERABILITY OF ADB PENSION RIGHTS WITH OTHER IFIS AND UN COMMON SYSTEM. USADB BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE ITEM TO INCLUDE IN NEW U.S. DIRECTOR'S INITIAL MEETING WITH ADB MANAGEMENT. STULL

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